

Series: Wisdom & Obedience, a study in 1 Kings

Sermon: Wisdom & Love

Primary Text: 1 Kings 3:16-28

Discussion guide:

- What is wisdom?
- Read 1 Kings 3:9
- What role should God's goodness play in what wisdom is?
- Read 1 Kings 3:16-22
 - If you'd never heard this story before what would you do?
- Read 1 Kings 3:23-28
 - Why does Solomon do what he does?
 - Compare and contrast the way each woman responds in verse 26.
 - Why is the real mom willing to give up her son?
 - How is this real love?
 - Why is the other woman wanting the child to die?
 - What does this tell you about selfishness?
 - Are there some areas where you find selfishness in your life? explain?
- Why is it important for true love to know when it is time to let go?
 - Share a time in your life or a story you're aware of when letting go was the best way to love.
 - How did God set this example?
- Why does love refuse to control?
 - What are some ways we try to control others?
- Why does love want what is actually best for those it loves?
 - Why is a relationship with God best for all?
 - Under what circumstances might you need to "let go" for the sake of someone else's relationship with the Lord?